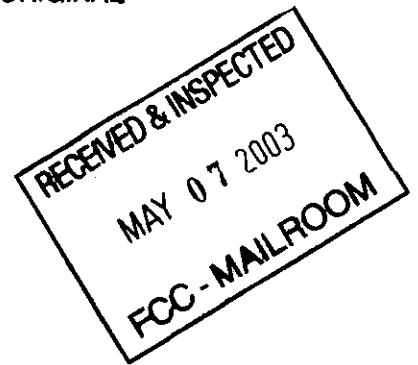


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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

As a retiree of Qwest, I support Qwest's application to provide long-distance in our state.

Allowing Qwest to access Minnesota's long-distance market is good for small towns. The convenience of single-billing will save consumers time and money. The only way residents of smaller communities throughout Minnesota will benefit from single-billing is to allow Qwest, who provides local phone service, to provide long-distance in their exchanges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darwin Chester".

Darwin Chester
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CC: Senator Mark Dayton
Senator Norm Coleman
Congressman Jim Oberstar